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# Memorandum



To : SAC, PHOENIX (198D-2028) (P)

Date 7/5/89

From :

SA [redacted]

Subject:

PETER MAC DONALD SR.,  
NAVAJO TRIBAL CHAIRMAN,  
WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA;  
CIR - EMBEZZLEMENT, FRAUD  
OO: BX

*O+A 198A-*  
RUSSELL MEANS;  
JAMES STEVENS, AREA DIRECTOR  
BIA - VICTIM  
CIR - ASSAULT ON FEDERAL OFFICIAL  
OO: BX

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At approximately 12:50 p.m., 7/5/89, [redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), contacted the Phoenix Office of the FBI. [redacted] stated that at 2:00 p.m. on 7/5/89, a group of people led by Russell Means is meeting with James Stevens, Area Director of the BIA, and [redacted] of the BIA. The meeting is to be held at Building 1, Window Rock, Arizona.

The group has demanded that the federal government reinstate Peter MacDonald as the Navajo Tribal Chairman and recognize his government as the legitimate authority on the Navajo Reservation. The group has threatened to make citizen's arrest of Stevens and [redacted] if their demands are not met. They stated that Stevens and [redacted] will be charged with "Sedition Acts" against the Navajo Nation and "Conspiracy" to overthrow the Navajo Nation.

[redacted] stated that Tribal Police and one BIA Investigator will be at the building when the meeting takes place. [redacted] stated that anything happens, she will notify the Gallup, New Mexico Office of the FBI.

SSA [redacted] and SA [redacted] Gallup, New Mexico, were advised of the above information.

At approximately 2:27 p.m., 7/5/89, SA [redacted] advised that Means assaulted Stevens during the meeting. Stevens was uninjured but sent to the hospital for examination. Means was arrested by Tribal Police. SA [redacted] is advising the U.S. Attorney's Office of the facts surrounding the assault.

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P.O. Box 1419

(Address of Contributor)

GALLUP, NEW MEXICO 87305

(City and State)

By [REDACTED]

(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ NoGrand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules  
of Criminal Procedure ☐ Yes ☒ NoTitle: RUSSELL MEANS;  
JAMES STEVENS - VICTIM;  
CIR - ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER  
OO: PHOENIX

Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview ofJAMES STEVENSb6  
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07/09/89

JAMES HUNT STEVENS  
P.O. Box 2928  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

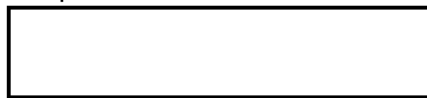
42 Circle Dr.  
Window Rock, AZ.

C# 3582 - APACHE  
BORD HOLBROOK, AZ 04/09/30

(H) (602) 871-3493

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PRESENT -



AUSA, PHOENIX, AZ

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ON — JAMES STEVENS HAD A  
CONFERENCE IN HIS OFFICE W/ THE PRO  
DINET VOTER GROUP. ~ 2:00 PM

During the conference Russell  
Means, a person whom Stevens recognized.  
Came into the meeting & during the  
conference. Stevens warned Means that he  
would not recognize Means & that he would  
not answer his questions / Because he was not a Navajo

- ~ 5 minutes into the discussion Means  
moved from the couch to a chair  
located beside Stevens' desk.

- Means stood & said

- Means then said something to Stevens &  
Stevens told Means that he would not  
recognize Means & asked Means to  
please leave the room.

- Means said something which meant  
he would not leave the room.

- Stevens asked a police officer to  
his ret to please escort Means  
from the office.

- ~~Stevens~~ Means then walked behind Stevens desk.
- Stevens said something to Means
- Means told Stevens that he was placing him under a citizens arrest, and taking him to the U.S. Attorney A.C. Means also asked him if he should come peacefully.
- ~~Grabbing Stevens by the left arm.~~
- Stevens then said absolutely not.
- Stevens left arm was then grabbed by Means.
- <sup>Stevens</sup> Means started to get out of his seat to get up, so he could possibly defend himself -
- \* - He never swung at or hit Means.
- While Stevens was getting out of his seat Means grabbed him around the neck.
- Stevens was now standing bent over beneath Means & ~~started~~ began stomping on Means foot in an effort to defend himself / to get Means to let him go - He stomped on Means foot once.

- After stopping on Means' feet Means increased his hold on Stevens.

- At this point [redacted] came to Stevens' aid & kicked [redacted] Means' feet out from under him. Means then lost his footing & started falling to the floor.

- Stevens thinks this is when Means gave up his hold on him.

- Stevens  $\approx$  30 seconds - minute when Means first grabbed him until he let him go.

- Stevens thought that the Police officers now had Means under control.

- Stevens was standing  $\approx$  3' feet from Means & Means said you are still under arrest.

- Means then reached across, grabbed Stevens' shirt, pulled down & tore it.

- Stevens now felt Means was not under control of ~~the~~ the Police officers so in effort to help control [redacted] Stevens grabbed one of his pants tails & held it for a few seconds.

- The pistol covering came off in Stevens' hand.

- Police officers then began escorting Means to the officer door.
- Stevens then dismissed the meeting.
- Stevens went to the Hospital on the next day, Fort Belvoir, Hqs.
- Stevens thinks off.  that saw the entire event.

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From SA [Redacted]  
(Name of Contributor)

PO Box 1419

(Address of Contributor)

Gallup, New Mexico 87305

(City and State)

By SA [Redacted]  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure ☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: Russell Means;  
James Stevens, Area Director, BIA-Victim;  
CIR-Assault on a Federal Officer;  
OO:Phoenix

Reference: FD-441(a) Evidence Card (1)  
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of  
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Attention: Evidence Control Custodian

Gallup

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Date Received 07/24/89

From SA [Redacted] (Name of Contributor)

PO Box 1419

Gallup, NM (Address of Contributor)

By SA [Redacted] (Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure ☐ Yes ☒ No

Title: Russell Means;  
James Stevens, Area Director, BIA-Victim;  
CIR-Assault on a Federal Officer;  
OO:Phoenix

Reference: Copy of employment preference certificate  
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

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Date Received 08/03/89

From SA [Redacted]  
(Name of Contributor)

PO Box 1419

(Address of Contributor)

Gallup, New Mexico 87305

(City and State)

By SA [Redacted]  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules  
of Criminal Procedure ☐ Yes ☒ No

Title:

Russell Means;  
James Hunt Stevens, Area Director, BIA  
-Victim;  
CIR-Assault on a Federal Officer;  
OO:Phoenix

Reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☒ Original notes re interview of

Dr. [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Stevens

Dr [Redacted]

gave records in re:

[Redacted]

attended ~~Russell~~ Jones  
Stevens and stated:

- Jones complained of being assaulted & battered by a male during the previous evening.
- Jones stated he was not hit, but was grabbed by the arm & twisted
- Appeared to be in good health
- Had 3 bruises on his neck & his back (left scapula)
- No
- Results of exam indicate assault & Battery
- No Rx prescribed
- No treatment since
- No further info provided

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From SA [Redacted]

(Name of Contributor)

PO Box 1419

(Address of Contributor)

Gallup, New Mexico 87305

(City and State)

By SA [Redacted]

(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☒ No Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☒ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules  
of Criminal Procedure ☐ Yes ☒ No

Title:

Russell Means;  
James Hunt Stevens, BIA Area Director-Victim;  
CIR-Assault on a Federal Officer;  
OO:Phoenix

Reference: Medical Record of James Hunt Stevens  
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE  
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

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Each section must be completed.

I. I, James Stevens, hereby request the disclosure of information from my record.  
(Name of patient)

II. The information is to be released from:  
Name of Facility Fort Defiance PHS Hospital  
Address Fort Defiance, Arizona  
City, State \_\_\_\_\_

and is to be provided to:

Name of Person/organization/facility SA   
Address P.O. Box 1419  
City, State Gallup, New Mexico

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III. The purpose or need for this disclosure is:  
Investigative

IV. The information to be released is from my: (Mark one)

☒ Medical Record ☐ Personnel Record ☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

and includes: (Mark as appropriate)

☐ The entire record, including any information on alcohol or drug abuse contained therein

☒ Only information related to (specify: An assault which occurred on 07/05/89)

☐ Only the period or events from: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

V. I understand that I may revoke this authorization in writing at any time, except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance on this authorization. If this authorization has not been revoked, it will terminate one year from the date of my signature.

Signature of Patient: James H Stevens

Signature of Parent, Guardian  
or Authorized Representative  
(if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

8/2/89  
(Date)

(Date)

This information is to be released for the purpose stated above and may not be used by the recipient for any other purpose. Any person who knowingly and willfully requests or obtains any record concerning an individual from a Federal agency under false pretenses shall be guilty of a misdemeanor (5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(3)). In the case of alcohol and drug abuse patient records a falsified authorization of disclosure is also prohibited under 42 CFR 2.31(d).

PATIENT'S IDENTIFICATION

James Hunt Stevens  
D.O.B.-04/09/30

NAME

James Hunt Stevens

RECORD NUMBER

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE

DATE OF BIRTH

04/09/30

Universal File Case Number 198-RX-40939-1a(6)

Field Office Acquiring Evidence \_\_\_\_\_

Serial # of Originating Document \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received 2/6/95

From \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Contributor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of Contributor)

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned ☐ Yes ☐ No

Receipt Given ☐ Yes ☐ No

Grand Jury Material - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6 (e)

Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

☐ Yes ☐ No

Title:

Reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Communication Enclosing Material)

Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

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Date

08/31/89

Title and Character of Case

Russell Means;  
James Stevens, Area Director, BIA;  
GIR-Assault of Federal Officer;  
OO:PX

☒ DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Date Property Acquired

07/30/89

Source From Which Property Acquired

SA [REDACTED]

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

U.S. Attorney's Office

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Investigative

To Be Returned

☐ Yes ☒ No

See Serial

Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit

SA [REDACTED]

Agent Assigned Case

SA [REDACTED]

☐ Yes ☒ No Grand Jury Property - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

☐ Yes ☒ No Property to be Forfeited to the Government

Description of Property or Exhibit

1.) (1) Video Cassette depicting assault of James Stevens as filmed  
by Channel 10yNews, Phoenix, Arizona.

For Valuable and/or Narcotics Evidence Only

Evidence Bag Seal # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Two  
Special Agents  
Verifying and Sealing  
Bag Contents \_\_\_\_\_

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

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OO: Phoenix

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# CHAIN OF CUSTODY

At	Date	Time		Date	Time
Signature SA [redacted]	01/30/89	1:12 P.M.	[redacted] VIA FED EX	01/31/89	10:15 A.M.
Reason INVESTIGATIVE					
Signature [redacted]	2/4/89	11:15			
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Remarks

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Date  
07/11/89

Title and Character of Case

Russell Means;  
James Stevens-Victim;  
CIR-Assault on a Federal Officer;  
OO: Phoenix

☒ DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE  
☐ PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Date Property Acquired 07/11/89	Source From Which Property Acquired [Redacted] - Navajo Division of Public Safety		
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit Bulky Room, PX, AZ	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same Ongoing Investigation		
To Be Returned <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	See Serial [Redacted]	Agent Submitting Property or Exhibit SA [Redacted]	Agent Assigned Case SA [Redacted]
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Grand Jury Property - Disseminate Only Pursuant to Rule 6(e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Property to be Forfeited to the Government			
Description of Property or Exhibit			

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1. (1) Video Cassette Recording, VHS Format

For Valuable and/or Narcotics Evidence Only	
Evidence Bag Seal # _____	Signature of Two Special Agents Verifying and Sealing Bag Contents _____

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

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OO:	Phoenix
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# CHAIN OF CUSTODY

Acc		Date	Time		Date	Time
Signature	SA [redacted]	07/11/89	11:44 A.M.	SA [redacted]	07/11/89	12:45 P.M.
Reason	ONGOING			REVIEW TO AUSA		
Signature	[redacted]	2/4/89	4:15 P.M.			
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Item No.

Remarks

Kept by AUSA



Complaint Form  
FD-71 (Rev. 8-29-74)

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices: ☐ Negative ☐ See below

Subject's name and aliases Russell Means; James Stevens, Area Director, BIA-Victim; CIR-Assaulting a Federal Officer; OO:PX	Character of case Assaulting A Federal Officer
	Complainant [Redacted]
	Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 7/05/89 Time 3:00PM

Address of subject Unk	Complainant's address and telephone number Bureau of Indian Affairs Window Rock, Arizona (602) 871-5151
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Subject's Description	Race I	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height Unk	Hair Unk	Build Unk	Birth date and Birthplace Unk
	Age Unk		Weight Unk	Eyes Unk	Complexion Unk	Social Security Number Unk
	Scars, marks or other data Unk					

Facts of complaint

On 07/05/89, BIA employee, [Redacted] phoned SA [Redacted] and advised that the BIA Director, James Stevens, had been physically assaulted by Russell Means. [Redacted] also advised that Means had been arrested by the Navajo Division of Public Safety, Window Rock District.

On 07/05/89, SA [Redacted] telephonically contacted Sgt. [Redacted] NDPS, Window Rock District, in an effort to determine the facts surrounding the incident reported by [Redacted] Sgt. [Redacted] provided the following information:

Sgt. [Redacted] stated that a conference was held between Stevens and Means on 07/05/89, in Window Rock, Arizona. During the conference, discussion between Stevens and Means became heated and Means tried to take Stevens into custody. When Means tried to place Stevens under citizen's arrest, Stevens resisted and a fight ensued. The Navajo Police quickly separated Means and Stevens, and took Means into custody. Sgt. [Redacted] did not know if any other individuals were assaulted during the incident.

Investigation continuing at the Gallup RA

Three day notice has been sent the United States Attorney's Office, Phoenix, Arizona.

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3 DAY NOTICE OF REPORT OF MAJOR/FELONY CRIME TO U.S. ATTORNEY

Agency/Dept. Federal Bureau of Investigation

Investigating Officer SA [redacted] Date 07/05/89

Case Report # 198A-PX-New Offense Reported Assaulting A Federal Officer

Location of Offense Window Rock, Arizona Date of Offense 07/05/89

Time 3:00PM Reported by [redacted] Date/Time 07/05/89 3:00PM

Victim(s), DOB & Race James Stevens, DOB-Unk, Race-Unk

Suspect(s), DOB & Race Russell Means, DOB-Unk, American Indian

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Summary: (Include how & why) On the above date at the above time,  
BIA Area Director James Stevens met with Indian spokesperson, Russell  
Means. During the meeting, discussion got heated, and Means attempted  
to place Stevens under citizen's arrest, Stevens resisted Means'  
attempt and a fight ensued. Stevens and Means were quickly seper-  
ated and Means was taken into custody by the Navajo Police.  
No serious injuries were reported.

Tribe Notified XX No FBI Notified XX No BIA XX No  
Yes Yes Yes Yes

Date: 07/05/89 Time: 3:00 PM Agent: SA [redacted] [redacted]

Case referred for tribal prosecution in accordance with in-  
structions and guidelines - U.S. Attorney

SA [redacted] Special Agent 07/05/89  
Offic [redacted] Title [redacted] Date 07/05/89  
(Bureau XX Tribe [redacted])

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① United States Attorney's Office

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# Indian tries to arrest key BIA official

## Window Rock fracas ends in activist's seizure

By Bill Donovan

Arizona Republic Correspondent

**WINDOW ROCK**—Indian activist Russell Means was arrested by federal authorities here Wednesday after a scuffle broke out when he tried to make a citizen's arrest of James Stevens, Navajo area director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The fracas took place in Stevens' office in front of about six reporters and representatives of a group called the Pro-Dine Voters, who asked for the meeting to discuss grievances against the BIA.

The incident began about 20 minutes into the meeting when Means tried to make a citizen's

arrest and take Stevens into custody for his actions during the recent turmoil on the Navajo Reservation.

The Pro-Dine group, made up primarily of supporters of Navajo Chairman Peter MacDonald, blames the BIA for the suspension of MacDonald's power and for the recognition of Leonard Haskie as interim chairman.

One of the purposes of the meeting, according to officials of the group, was to get the BIA to reconsider its recognition of Haskie and put MacDonald back in power.

MacDonald was put on paid administrative leave by members of the Navajo Tribal Council in February after allegations of corruption in office were made public.

Stevens has contended since then that it was the Tribal Council, not the BIA, that was responsible for MacDonald's suspension.

— See INDIAN, page B2

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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# Indian citizen tries to arrest — BIA official, but it backfires

— INDIAN, from page B1

Alice Rouwalk, director of tribal operations for the Navajo-area BIA, said charges are pending against Means, who was placed in federal custody after the incident.

Both Stevens and Means reportedly received scratches and bruises as a result of the confrontation. Stevens' shirt also was torn.

Earlier Wednesday, members of the Pro-Dine Voters held a peaceful demonstration in Gallup, N.M., marching from the city's shopping mall about two miles to the federal building.

"Dine," pronounced "Di-neh," means "the Navajo people."

Representatives of the group were not allowed into the federal building, but Stevens agreed to meet with them in his Window Rock offices in the afternoon.

"Mr. Stevens acted in good faith," Rouwalk said. "He felt it would be better to talk to leaders of the group in an effort to remove some of their misunderstandings about the role the BIA played."

No one, she said, believed that the meeting would end in violence, even though several supporters of MacDonald had to be forcibly removed from Stevens' office several weeks ago after barging in to protest Stevens' behavior during the turmoil.

Means, a founder of the American Indian Movement, is a Lakota Sioux from South Dakota who is married to a Navajo and lives in Chinle.

Means called a press conference last week in which he threatened to place Stevens, a San Carlos Apache, under citizen's arrest if he refused to meet with the group.

But Lenora Fulton, press-information officer for the Navajo group, said at the beginning of Wednesday's meeting that members wanted to meet with Stevens in peace. Later, she said that the group also was surprised when Means stepped up during the meeting and told Stevens he was under arrest.

At the time, Stevens and the Navajo group were discussing whether the tribal courts could be trusted to decide whether the Tribal Council acted properly in removing MacDonald's powers. When Stevens said he

felt the tribal courts were the best Indian courts in the country, Means stood up and said, "You're ridiculous."

Then he walked five feet from his chair to Stevens' desk and told Stevens he was under arrest. When Means grabbed his shoulder, Stevens stood up and started to protest. The two wrestled, with Means bending Stevens over as though he were trying to restrain him.

Law-enforcement officers from the BIA and the tribe, who had been in the back of the room and in the hallway outside Stevens' office, then grabbed Means and, after half a minute, forced him to let Stevens go.

They threw Means to the floor with his face pushed up against a steam radiator on the wall.

At that point, members of the Pro-Dine group began yelling at the police to let Means up, saying he would be peaceful. But police refused to let him up until he was restrained.

Then they shoved him out of Stevens' office into a nearby office, where they cuffed his hands behind his back and told him to wait until FBI officials came to investigate.





Russell Means grabs the arm of James Stevens, Navajo-area director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, during a scuffle in Stevens' office in Window Rock. Both Stevens and Means reportedly received scratches and bruises as a result of the confrontation Wednesday.

The Associated Press

# Memorandum



To : SAC, PHOENIX (198A-PX-40939) (P)

Date 7/14/89

From : SA [redacted]

Subject: RUSSELL MEANS;  
JAMES STEVENS,  
AREA DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS -  
VICTIM;  
CIR - ASSAULT ON  
A FEDERAL OFFICER;  
OO: PHOENIX

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For information of the file.

On 7/11/89, SA [redacted] FBI, Gallup, New Mexico, personally received a videocassette from Lieutenant [redacted] Navajo Division of Public Safety, Window Rock, Arizona. The cassette was hand delivered to SA [redacted] via [redacted] Navajo Division of Public Safety, Window Rock, Arizona.

After receiving the videocassette tape, SA [redacted] immediately transported the tape to [redacted] Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), Phoenix, Arizona. AUSA [redacted] was given explicit instructions to deliver the tape to [redacted] Assistant United States Attorney, Phoenix, Arizona. AUSA [redacted] was also advised by SA [redacted] to sign the chain of custody form which accompanied the tape.

AUSA [redacted] had no questions or concerns in reference to the delivery of the tape.

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listening to you realizes you are ridiculous," Means said, as he rode to confront Stevens. "I am placing you under citizens arrest. I want to know if you are going to go peacefully."

"Absolutely not," Stevens replied as Means grabbed him in a headlock. Stevens then stomped on the activist's foot.

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# Activist arrested

## Means charged with assaulting BIA exec

By Betty Reid  
One of the most active Indian activists, Russell Means was arrested by Navajo police officers Wednesday as he attempted to make a citizen's arrest of the Bureau of Indian Affairs area director.

Means' arrest drew a mixed reaction from Navajos.

Means spent the night in the Crownpoint, N.M., jail on assault and battery charges. He also faces possible federal charges in connection with a scuffle with Navajo Area Director James Stevens, a police officer said.

Stevens' shirt was ripped during the scuffle in the BIA offices. Means received scratches on his face when he fell and struck a radiator. Means reportedly was bitten on the arm by Stevens during the scuffle and later received a tetanus shot, a spokesperson for the Pro-Dine Voters organization said.

The Oglala Lakota (Sioux) activist, who is married to a Navajo from Chinle, unsuccessfully tried to arrest Stevens. He placed him in a headlock and charged the BIA area director with interfering in Navajo political matters.

Means charged that the BIA violated the Navajo people's vote by recognizing Leonard Haskie and Irving Billy as interim tribal leaders. The Navajo Tribal Council placed Chairman Peter MacDonald on paid administrative leave in February after he was accused of financial

### Improprieties

The council majority chose Haskie and Billy as interim leaders March 10. The BIA did not recognize Haskie's signature on federal contracts until later in the month, after the Navajo tribal courts issued a restraining order prohibiting MacDonald from exercising official power.

It is unclear how Means was able to get into Stevens' office Wednesday afternoon, just hours after he spearheaded a Pro-Dine Voters march in Gallup.

Means, who is associated with the group that includes many MacDonald supporters, arrived at the meeting that was scheduled with four PDV representatives.

Representatives who attended the meeting included Navajo Tribal Council members Anderson Tully, Roselyn John and Donald Benally. Others were PDV President Edison Wauneka, former executive director for the Navajo Election Administration under the MacDonald administration, and LeNora Fulton, a spokesperson for the group.

Stevens later said Means had not been invited to the meeting.

After a 20-minute discussion about why Stevens recognized Haskie's signature on federal contracts and later recognized him as the interim leader, the meeting turned into a scuffle.

Means said Stevens' explanation was "ridiculous."

"Anybody who is sitting here

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"I'm taking you to a U.S. attorney's office," Means said as BIA and tribal police officers rushed to Stevens' assistance.

Three officers stood in between Means and Stevens after separating them. Means continued to state that Stevens was under arrest and pointed at the area director and grabbed and ripped Steven's shirt.

For a second, Stevens grabbed and held one of Means's long braids.

Three to four police officers wrestled with Means before handcuffing him.

None of the councilmen present assisted Means during the scuffle.

Benally, however, kept insisting that Means not be hurt and that he be allowed to walk and requested he speak to Means.

"He is our spokesperson. You're hurting him. Don't drag him. That hurts," remarked Benally throughout the incident. "Let him walk."

"Out you go. He is your spoke-

man," said Stevens as a verbal exchange between him and the councilmen followed Means' arrest.

Tully stated that the incident shows that the BIA was behind what the group called a disruption of an elected tribal government. Benally accused Stevens of participating in a conspiracy and added that all the area director had to do was respect the voter's right.

Later, Ms. Fulton explained that she had not expected the arrest of Means to take place.

"The Pro-Dine Voters are not the ones who said all those things," she said about Means' statements.

"How about our votes? How about the other 30,000 Navajo voters?" asked a Navajo federal employee.

"We are Navajos too. They (the PDV) claim to talk for us but they don't talk for us. They are attacking their own people who are trying to do a job. Somewhere, unity has to return to this government."

Other Navajos said Means was "stirring the pot" by getting involv-

ed in a Navajo matter. Navajos can settle their own squabbles, said Earl Tulley, a 28-year-old Blue Gap resident.

Besides, he (Means) is only an in-law to the Navajo people," said Tulley. "It's a privilege for him to be here on the Navajo Reservation as an in-law. It's not a right."

In 1986, Means appeared with Hopi Tribal Chairman Ivan Sidney and accused Navajo officials of lying to their people living on disputed lands in the former Joint Use Area.

As a leader of the American Indian Movement, he participated in the 1972 "Trail of Broken Treaties" takeover of BIA offices in Washington, D.C. A year later, he led a 71-day confrontation between AIM members and supporters and federal and tribal officials at Wounded Knee, S.D.

Tulley, who claims to have worked on several struggles for indigenous people alongside AIM, added Navajo people have traditional customs applied to in-laws.

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# Pro-Dine say Stevens fought citizen arrest

By Richard Sims  
Dine Bureau

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — A spokeswoman for the Pro-Dine Voters said it was unfortunate that a meeting Wednesday turned violent but that the group still supports Russell Means, who was arrested in the incident.

Means attempted to grab James Stevens, Navajo area director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, claiming him to be under citizens arrest.

A discussion before the incident had lasted about 20 minutes before Means, who had remained silent throughout, stood up and told Stevens he was placing him under citizen's arrest and taking him to the U.S. Attorney's office.

A scuffle ensued and Means had to be restrained by several BIA officers before being handcuffed and led away.

"We didn't get in there and fight," LeNora Fulton, press officer for the

Pro Dine Voters, said. "That's not our way of doing things. We think we can work things out."

She was referring to Navajo who had attended the meeting, including Tribal Council delegates Donald Benally, Shiprock, Benjamin House, Mariano Lake/Smith Lake, Roselyn John, Chichiltah, Anderson, Tully, Teesto/Dilko, and Pro-Dine Voters President Edison Waumeka.

Ms. Fulton said she felt the police had overreacted in arresting Means. Benally and the others yelled at police to let Means go and not to hurt him, but they did not become involved physically.

Stevens had been listening to the concerns and answering questions, though not to anyone's satisfaction, Ms. Fulton said, adding that the group had decided on a citizen's arrest if Stevens did not answer their questions.

"What happened today is a result. Please see BUST, page 2."

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of Mr. Stevens resisting the citizen's arrest," Ms. Fulton said. "If he would have went peacefully, I don't think this would have happened."

"Our voice needs to be heard. This is the most important struggle for Indian people in this century," Ms. Fulton added.

A source close to Means who spoke with him Wednesday evening said the longtime activist had said police officers treated him with respect and there was no brutality.

The source also said that Means had been in contact with several lawyers, including Roger Finzel of Albuquerque, Larry Levanthall of Minneapolis, Minn., and Glenn Morris of Denver, Colo.

"I think positive things will result from this," the source said. "He has a lot of support."

Means reportedly will be transfer-

red today from Crownpoint to Chinle, where he faces an outstanding bench warrant on a traffic violation. He also is facing possible federal charges of assaulting a federal officer in connection with the scuffle with Stevens.

Ms. Fulton said Means is an "associate" of the Pro-Dine Voters, but not a dues-paying member. Dues are \$15 a year, though Ms. Fulton said she did not know how many members the group has.

She also said that Means is not being paid for his efforts.

"He's doing this on his own," she said. "We asked for his assistance. We knew he had a lot of expertise. I have a great deal of respect for him personally." Means has been working with the group for about two weeks, she added.

The group wanted Stevens to rescind everything he had done since

recognizing the Leonard Haskie faction and was particularly upset that Stevens sat in on the Tribal Council majority sessions.

Ms. Fulton said the group feels that the interim administration should be over by now because no charges against MacDonald have been proven.

"Basically, the vice chairman (Johnny R. Thompson) should be in charge right now," she said. The group, she added, also is trying to get away from the pro-Peter MacDonald label that has been hung on them.

"I think problems like this will continue as long as peoples' votes and rights are ignored," she said.

Ms. Fulton said she had been trying to get in to meet with Stevens for the past two weeks.

The group has a meeting for 3 p.m. at Gallup.

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On July 10, 1989, JAMES HUNT STEVENS, Area Director, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA), Window Rock, Arizona, (602)871-5151, was personally interviewed at his place of employment. Present during this interview was [REDACTED] Assistant U. S. Attorney (AUSA), Phoenix, Arizona. After STEVENS was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and apprised of the nature of the interview, he provided the following information:

STEVENS stated that on 7/5/89, at approximately 2:00 p.m., a conference was held in his office, BIA, Window Rock, Arizona, with the Pro Dinet Group. Shortly after the conference started, STEVENS excused himself and returned a few minutes later.

STEVENS stated that when he returned to the conference, he noticed that RUSSELL MEANS had somehow gained entrance to his office and was sitting on the couch directly in front of his desk, among the Pro Dinet Group members.

STEVENS stated that he told RUSSELL MEANS that he would not recognize any of his questions during the conference. In response to a question, STEVENS stated that he refused to recognize MEANS' question because MEANS was not a Navajo Indian and the conference was of Navajo Indian interest only.

STEVENS stated that the conference then resumed, and approximately five minutes later, MEANS got up from his position on the couch and moved to a chair which was located immediately to the left of his (STEVENS') desk. Shortly afterwards, MEANS stood up from the chair and said something to STEVENS. STEVENS told MEANS that he would not recognize him during the conference, and asked MEANS to please leave the room.

STEVENS stated that MEANS said he would not leave the room. STEVENS then asked a police officer to remove MEANS from the room. After STEVENS asked the police officer to remove MEANS, MEANS immediately walked behind STEVENS' desk and told STEVENS he was placing him under citizen's arrest. MEANS told STEVENS he was taking him to the U. S. Magistrate in Albuquerque, New Mexico. MEANS asked STEVENS if he would come peacefully, and STEVENS replied that he absolutely would not.

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STEVENS stated that after giving his reply, MEANS grabbed his arm and he (STEVENS) stood up to defend himself from MEANS. While STEVENS was trying to stand up, MEANS grabbed him around the neck and pulled him down. STEVENS was now bent over at the waist, beneath MEANS, and MEANS was continuing his hold. STEVENS stomped once on MEANS' foot to get MEANS to release his hold, but this only cause MEANS to increase his grip.

STEVENS stated that at this point, [redacted] Criminal Investigator, BIA, came to his aid. [redacted] kicked MEANS' feet out from under him which caused means to fall on the floor and release his grip from STEVENS' neck.

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STEVENS stated that after he was finally separated from MEANS, MEANS told him he was still under citizen's arrest. MEANS then lunged at STEVENS, grabbed his shirt, pulled down and tore the shirt. STEVENS now felt that the police officers no longer had control of MEANS, so, in an effort to help control MEANS, STEVENS grabbed one of MEANS' pigtails and held on to it for a few seconds. STEVENS stated that MEANS' pigtail covering came off in his hand.

STEVENS stated that the police officers then took MEANS into custody and escorted MEANS from the room. After MEANS was escorted out of the office, STEVENS dismissed the meeting.

STEVENS stated that on July 6, 1989, he went to the Ft. Defiance PHS Hospital, Ft. Defiance, Arizona, for treatment of the injuries he received from MEANS.

STEVENS stated that he did not have any further information at this time.



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## Indian activist is arraigned

WINDOW ROCK — Indian activist Russell Means was arraigned Thursday in Window Rock Tribal District Court on charges stemming from an altercation Wednesday with a Bureau of Indian Affairs official.

Means pleaded innocent to charges of assault and battery, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. He then was transferred to Chinle to face unrelated charges involving an outstanding traffic citation.

Means, a Lakota Sioux who is married to a Navajo, was arrested by tribal and federal law enforcement authorities in the office of BIA Area Director James Stevens after he tried to put Stevens under citizen's arrest.

Means was meeting with Stevens as part of a delegation of people who support suspended Navajo Tribal Chairman Peter MacDonald.

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On July 28, 1989, Criminal Investigator (CI) [redacted] was personally interviewed at his place of employment, the Navajo Division of Public Safety (NDPS), Window Rock, Arizona, (602) 871-4191. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and apprised of the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] stated that he was present when RUSSELL MEANS assaulted Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Director JAMES STEVENS.

[redacted] stated that he has written a report concerning the above mentioned incident.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a copy of such report.

[ ] did not provide any further information.

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This report contains additional information to the Arrest Report on Defendant Russell Means of Chinle, Arizona

On July 05, 1989 at approximately 1345 hours, three other Tribal Investigators and I were instructed by Mr. James Stevens, BIA Area Director and [REDACTED] BIA Investigator, to provide security for a scheduled meeting between Mr. Stevens and a group of Pro Dine' Voters Association. Members of the group included;

1. [REDACTED] Shiprock Council Delegate
2. [REDACTED] Chichiltah Council Delegate
3. [REDACTED] Teesto Council Delegate
4. [REDACTED] Crownpoint/Smith Lake Council Delegate
5. Russell Means, Spokesperson for Pro Dine' Voters
6. [REDACTED] Spokesperson and Media Relations Officer for Pro Dine' Voters
7. [REDACTED] BIA Navajo Area Office

The meeting was inside the Area Director's office with the group seated across and beside of Mr. Stevens' desk. I stood in the back of the office for the news media had taken the rest of the seats. About 30 minutes into the discussion, Mr. Means got up from his seat and began to make accusations against Stevens that he violated the entrustment established between the Indians and the U.S. Government. Thereafter, Means advised Stevens he was placed under a Citizen's Arrest and if he would come with him peacefully. When Stevens refused, Means physically grabbed Stevens' left arm and instantly forced him into a head lock position. During the scuffle, Means kept repeating, "He (Stevens) is under arrest!" I got to where the two men were, after [REDACTED] and attempted to release the hand/grip of Means. With another Investigator's assistance, we managed to free Stevens from the hold and separated the two men. Moments after, while Means was pointing, he managed

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to lunge and grab Stevens' front shirt. As they were being separated the second time, Stevens pulled out one of Means' braids. Then Means was forcibly restrained by Police and began to be escorted out of the office. Near the chairs and tables, Police and Means lost their balance and went down to the floor. At this time, Means' hands were handcuffed in the front position. I stayed with Stevens until Means was removed from the building.

On July 7, 1989 at 0900 hours, I received a statement from James Stevens and a torn light blue short sleeve sport shirt. The items were taken as evidence.

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Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a one-page police report written by Officer [redacted] Navajo Division of Public Safety (NDPS), Window Rock, Arizona, (602) 871-4191.

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The report was personally delivered to Special Agent [redacted] Gallup Resident Agency, Gallup, New Mexico, by Criminal Investigator [redacted] on July 28, 1989 at the NDPS, Window Rock Station, Window Rock, Arizona.

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<p>On July 05, 1989 at approximately 1346 hours, myself and other Criminal Investigators of Window Rock Police District were assigned to assist BIA Special Officer [redacted] at the BIA Office in Window Rock, Arizona.</p> <p>Mr. [redacted] and BIA Area Director James Stevens briefed us on their scheduled meeting with Pr-Dine representatives at 2:00 p.m. that day. My instructions were to secure and maintain entrances located on the north end of the BIA Office building. While maintaining my post, Acting Lieutenant [redacted] came out of Mr. Stevens Office and requested my assistant inside the office. As I entered Mr. Steven's Office, there were reporters with cameras, Pro-Dine representative people and BIA staff inside by the door. As I made my way through the crowd I saw Mr. Stevens and Russell Means in a physical schuffle as Sergeant [redacted] and Special Officer [redacted] were trying to physically restrain both of them. Both individuals were separated from each other, but Mr. Means lunge at Mr. Stevens and grabbed his clothing, again both were separated again at which at Mr. [redacted] uttered Mr. Means arrest and I assisted Mr. [redacted] to control Mr. Means by physically restraining him as we were trying to escort Mr. Means out of Mr. Steven's office we lost our footing due to the slippery floor and the three of us went down on to the floor, at that time Mr. Means was handcuffed and escorted out the east entrance of the building. Mr. Means was led to the south end of the building and into a tribal police patrol car. Due to the patrol car malfunctioning, Mr. Means was transferred into a police panel and transported to the police jail facility.</p>								
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The attached report was personally delivered to Special Agent [redacted] by [redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs, Window Rock, Arizona. The report was delivered on July 28, 1989, at Bureau of Indian Affairs Headquarters, Window Rock, Arizona.

Investigative [redacted] at Window Rock, Arizona File # PX 198A-PX-40939 -12  
by S. [redacted] ve Date dictated 7/28/89

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On July 5, 1989, at about 8:10 a.m., James Stevens, Bureau of Indian Affairs Navajo Area Director, contacted CI [redacted] and advised that he was going to meet with Russell Means and some of the marchers that were demonstrating. The demonstrators were to march to the Federal Building on this date. Mr. Stevens asked where the other BIA Criminal Investigators were. CI [redacted] advised Mr. Stevens that the other criminal investigators were on leave. CI [redacted] advised the Area Director if all possible, to meet with the demonstrators in Gallup where there is enough security assigned.

On July 5, 1989, at 8:40 a.m., CI [redacted] called Major George John, Acting Chief of Police for Navajo Department of Law Enforcement, and advised him of Mr. Steven's major plan. CI [redacted] also requested that Major John assigns three to four officers to the BIA Area Director's office.

On the same date, at 11:35 a.m., Mr. Stevens called CI [redacted] and advised that he has decided to meet with only four of the Pro-dineh voters at his office at 2:00 p.m. He decided not to talk with Russell Means.

On the same date, at 1:00 p.m., CI [redacted] notified several Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch Chiefs and employees that a group of marchers who demonstrated at the Federal Building in Gallup, New Mexico, were coming to Window Rock Area Office at about 2:00 p.m. CI [redacted] requested that Building 1 & 3 should be locked at 1:30 p.m. and not to let the marchers into the building.

On the same date, at 1:05 p.m., CI [redacted] met with [redacted] and discussed the citizen's arrest statute.

On the same date, at 1:30 p.m., four tribal investigators for Department of Law Enforcement arrived. The investigators were [redacted] and [redacted]. The four investigators and CI Bigman met with Mr. Stevens. Mr. Steven's briefed the investigators and his plan to meet with four members of Pro-dineh voter demonstrators. Mr. Stevens mentioned that Russell Means is not to be admitted into the building. All the investigators stated they know Russell Means. CI [redacted] then assigned two investigators to the south main entrance while the other two were assigned to the east and west entrance.

On the same date, at 1:55 p.m., several people showed up at the south entrance. They yelled and banged on the door. CI [redacted] went to the door, looked out the door, and saw a black man, a lady and several Indian males standing out there. The black man was yelling, "We are the councilmen! Open this damn door, why do you have it locked?" CI [redacted] opened the door and told the man Mr. Stevens only wants to meet with four people. CI [redacted] identified one of the man as [redacted] a council delegate. The black man, the lady and another man admitted were later identified as [redacted] and [redacted] all council delegates. Apparently, several news reporters were

also admitted into the building by the other officers. About this same time, another investigator, [redacted] arrived with a video camera. [redacted] set up his camera at the east end of the room. The people admitted were all invited into the Area Director's office, and they sat down when Mr. Stevens got up, left the office stating that he was going to the bathroom. [redacted] and [redacted] said something to each other, got up and left the room.

Approximately three to four minutes later, Mr. Stevens returned to the office followed by another news reporter who immediately set up his camera at the west end of the room to the right of Mr. Stevens. [redacted] Russell Means and another lady entered the room and sat down in front of Mr. Stevens' desk. Mr. Stevens advised the group that he will give them forty-five minutes to talk, and he will take fifteen minutes to answer any questions. Mr. Stevens gave a piece of paper to the lady who was seated to his left near him and suggested that they write their names to identify everyone present. A copy will be given to everyone present. The questions and answer session began between the council delegates and Mr. Stevens. CI [redacted] did not pay much attention to the discussion because he has heard them many times in the last few months. During this meeting, CI [redacted] noticed Russell Means switching seat with a lady that was sitting near Mr. Stevens.

The session began at about 2:00 p.m. At about 2:30 p.m., [redacted] was arguing about something when Russell Means jumped up and made some kind of a statement, then all of a sudden, Means jumped at Mr. Stevens saying something about arresting him. He grabbed Mr. Steven's arm, twisted it and grabbed his neck. All the news reporters present rushed to the area of the struggle. CI [redacted] made his way through the crowd. Means now had a choke hold on Mr. Stevens. It appeared that Means was attempting to lift Mr. Stevens by his neck. Means was pulling upward. CI [redacted] got directly behind Means and yelled, "Let him go," then grabbed Means on the shoulder and yelled again to let him go. CI [redacted] then kicked Means' feet from under him, grabbed his legs and pulled him off Stevens, and turned him loose. CI [redacted] arrived about the time [redacted] was telling Means to let Stevens go. Means jumped up again and grabbed Stevens again. CI [redacted] and [redacted] immediately grabbed Means again. CI [redacted] arrived and started struggling with Means. At this point, CI [redacted] and [redacted] arrived. CI [redacted] did not really know who else got involved in the struggle, however, [redacted] and [redacted] got Means on the floor. [redacted] and [redacted] handcuffed Means, pulled him off the floor and took him to a waiting patrol car outside near the front door (south entrance). During the struggle, CI [redacted] heard someone yelled, "he is under arrest." CI [redacted] thought one of the investigators, maybe [redacted] was telling the other investigators to arrest Means.



# Memorandum



To : SAC, PHOENIX (198A-PX-40939) (P)

Date 8/10/89

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: RUSSELL MEANS;  
JAMES STEVENS,  
AREA DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS -  
VICTIM;  
CIR - ASSAULT ON A  
FEDERAL OFFICER  
OO: PHOENIX

For information of the file.

On 7/28/89, Criminal Investigator (CI) [redacted]  
Navajo Division of Public Safety (NDPS), Window Rock District  
personally met with and advised Special Agent [redacted] of  
the following:

[redacted] stated that RUSSELL MEANS was issued a subpoena  
ordering him to appear in Tribal Court on 8/24/89, at 8:30 a.m.,  
in reference to the charges stemming from his assault on BIA Area  
Director JAMES STEVENS.

Investigation continuing at the Gallup Resident Agency.

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, PHOENIX (198A-PX-40939) (P)

Date 8/16/89

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: RUSSELL MEANS;  
JAMES STEVENS,  
AREA DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS -  
VICTIM;  
CIR - ASSAULT ON A  
FEDERAL OFFICER  
OO: PHOENIX

For information of the file.

On 7/31/89, SA [redacted] Gallup Resident Agency, Gallup, New Mexico, telephonically contacted [redacted], Phoenix, Arizona, and during such contact the following was discussed:

SA [redacted] informed [redacted] that Channel 10 News, Phoenix, Arizona, had provided the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Phoenix Division, with a video recording concerning the above captioned matter. SA [redacted] further advised that such recording was now within the possession of the FBI, Gallup Resident Agency.

After being advised, [redacted] stated that he would like to review the recording in his office as soon as possible.

On 8/1/89, the aforementioned video recording was sent to [redacted], Phoenix, Arizona, via FEDERAL EXPRESS, Number 4292707311.

No further information was discussed at this time.

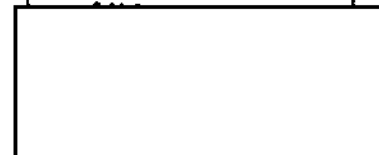
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 8/23/89

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a one-page medical document concerning the assault injuries received by JAMES HUNT STEVENS on July 5, 1989.

~~Attached documents were personally delivered to Special Agent [redacted] by [redacted] Fort Defiance Public Health Service Hospital, on August 3, 1989, at Fort Defiance, Arizona.~~

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Investigation on 8/3/89 at Fort Defiance, Arizona File # PX 198A-PX-40939-15  
by SA [redacted] ve \_\_\_\_\_ Date dictated 8/7/89

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On August 3, 1989, Doctor [ ] Fort Defiance Public Health Service (PHS) Hospital, Fort Defiance, Arizona, was interviewed at her place of employment. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and apprised of the nature of the interview, Doctor [ ] provided the following information:

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Doctor [ ] stated that she attended a patient by the name of JAMES HUNT STEVENS on July 6, 1989.

Doctor [ ] stated that STEVENS came to the Fort Defiance PHS Hospital complaining of being assaulted and battered by another person on the evening of July 5, 1989. STEVENS told Doctor [ ] that he was not hit, but was grabbed by the arm and his arm was twisted.

Doctor [ ] stated that STEVENS appeared to be in good health. However, he did have three bruises on his neck and he had soreness in the area of his left scapula.

Doctor [ ] stated that the results of her exam indicate STEVENS had been the victim of an assault and battery. Doctor [ ] did not prescribe any type of medication for STEVENS' injuries. Doctor [ ] further stated that she has not seen STEVENS since July 6, 1989.

No further information was provided by Doctor [ ] at this time.

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by SA [ ] ve Date dictated 8/7/89

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# 'Means, go home,' cry Navajos

By BRENDA NORRELL

Sun Correspondent

WINDOW ROCK — Amid Navajos shouting "Go Home!" Indian activist Russell Means led Sioux supporters on a march for tribal sovereignty to the Navajo courthouse and police station here yesterday.

"Go back to your own reservation," shouted Navajos from a crowd of about 100 who watched as Means led 30 Lakota-American Indian Movement members on the peaceful march during the noon hour. The Sioux AIM members carried a staff and peace pipe and were joined by three non-Indians and two Navajos on the three-quarter-mile march.

"Remember you're going up against proven murderers," Means told the marchers at the Fed Mart store before beginning. "I want you to pray for the two Navajos who were killed at the killing fields," he said of the July 20 riot and claimed that the BIA are the outside agitators.

While rallying in front of the police station and courthouse — which was guarded by 45 Navajo police with new riot shields, an officer on top of the building — the marchers were addressed by Dine Rights Association chairman Ben Shelly, who pleaded with them to leave.

"We appreciate Russell being here, but we don't need any help from outsiders. Go back over there. Please. We're cleaning up our own backyard. Get off our reservation. Leave the Navajos' problems with us," Shelly said.

An elderly woman from among the 30 Sioux from the Pine Ridge reservation — who Means referred to as "Wounded Knee Veterans" from the 1973 siege — also addressed the crowd. "Wherever we go we hear people say 'Go home,' but wherever we go, we are home," said the woman who wore a black scarf.

"The government, the BIA, have made us promises. All they have given us is misery," said a second elderly Sioux woman in the Lakota language. The women did not identify themselves.

"The issue is not the BIA, it is corruption," responded Norman

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Brown, a young Navajo man from Chinle. Police asked Brown and others to stay back from the marchers and they obeyed.

"It is the Navajo young people who will put this nation back together. We're traditional, we're modern, we're shepherders. We can put this nation together again," Brown said.

Earl Tully of Blue Gap, who also stood in the crowd of angry Navajos, said, "Russell is just a media show. He said there would be 50 to 100 here today and with the media, he's got that. He can always depend on the media."

Navajo activists and former Navajo AIM members who gathered were joined by health, social services and administration and finance workers who were dismissed at noon because of the fear of violence.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

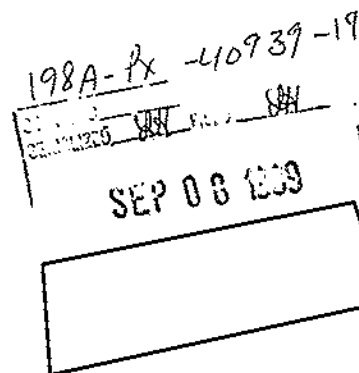
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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 198A-PX-40939

Special Agent: [redacted]

Subject: Russell Means;  
Crime on Indian Reservation

201 East Indianola  
Suite 400  
Phoenix, Arizona 85012  
October 4, 1989

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Honorable Stephen M. McNamee  
United States Attorney  
District of Arizona  
230 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85025

Attention: [redacted]  
[redacted]

Re: RUSSELL MEANS;  
JAMES STEVENS,  
AREA DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - VICTIM;  
CIR - ASSAULT ON A FEDERAL OFFICER

Dear Mr. McNamee:

[redacted] Phoenix, Arizona, has requested that Special Agent (SA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Gallup Resident Agency, Gallup, New Mexico, submit all investigative reports/documents concerning the investigation into the assault of James Stevens, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), by Russell Means. Pursuant to the request of [redacted] SA [redacted] has prepared and enclosed the following documents for the review of [redacted]

1. One investigative report concerning the assault on James Stevens by Russell Means, as prepared by [redacted] Investigator, BIA, Window Rock, Arizona.
2. One investigative report concerning the assault on James Stevens by Russell Means, as prepared by [redacted] Police Office, Navajo Division of Public Safety (NDPS), Window Rock District, Window Rock, Arizona.
3. One investigative report concerning the assault on James Stevens by Russell Means, as prepared by [redacted] Criminal Investigator, NDPS, Window Rock, Arizona.
4. One investigative report concerning the assault on James Stevens by Russell Means, as prepared by SA [redacted] FBI, Gallup Resident Agency, Gallup, New Mexico.

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5. One statement concerning the assault on James Stevens by Russell Means, as prepared by James Stevens.

6. One investigative report interview with Doctor [redacted] concerning medical treatment of James Stevens, as prepared by SA [redacted]

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7. One page medical document concerning treatment of James Stevens while a patient at Fort Defiance Public Health Service Hospital, Fort Defiance, Arizona.

If you have any questions in reference to the enclosed documents, please feel free to call SA [redacted] at (505) 722-4440.

Sincerely yours,

Larry J. McCormick  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

By: [redacted]

Supervisory Special Agent

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CITE: //4650//

SUBJECT: RUSSELL MEANS; INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE DENVER TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND MINNEAPOLIS, DATED  
10/23/89, CAPTIONED AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT; DS/T; OO:  
MINNEAPOLIS.

ON 11/2/89, [REDACTED] U. S. MARSHAL,  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA,  
TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE PIERRE,  
SOUTH DAKOTA, RESIDENT AGENCY:

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[REDACTED] WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED ON 11/2/89, BY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FEDERAL PROTECTIVE OFFICE, GENERAL SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION, DENVER, COLORADO, FTS 776-6709, WHO ADVISED AS  
FOLLOWS:

A CHIEF INVESTIGATOR FIRST NAME UNKNOWN (FNU) [REDACTED] WHO  
WORKS FOR [REDACTED] DEVELOPED INFORMATION THAT RUSSELL MEANS IS  
CURRENTLY IN DENVER, COLORADO, HAVING BEEN KICKED OFF OF THE  
NAVAHO RESERVATION IN ARIZONA. MEANS IS ATTEMPTING TO ROUND UP  
SUPPORT TO COME TO SOUTH DAKOTA TO TAKE OVER A FEDERAL BUILDING,  
PROBABLY IN ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA, OR RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA.  
THE CAUSE OF THIS TAKEOVER IS THE LACK OF PAYMENT TO THE NATIVE  
AMERICANS FOR THE BLACK HILLS IN WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAD NO OTHER INFORMATION OTHER THAN THAT  
SET FORTH ABOVE AND THE RELIABILITY OF THE INFORMATION AS WELL AS  
THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION TO (FNU) [REDACTED] IS NOT KNOWN TO  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED COURT SERVICES OFFICERS IN FEDERAL  
BUILDINGS IN SOUTH DAKOTA HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO THE ABOVE  
INFORMATION.

DENVER DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT [REDACTED] AND  
(FNU) [REDACTED] TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING ABOVE

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INFORMATION. ATTEMPT TO VERIFY PRESENCE OF MEANS IN DENVER,  
COLORADO.

PHOENIX DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE CURRENT  
WHEREABOUTS OF MEANS.

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☐ Immediate  
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☐ Routine

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6 CITE: //3630:3545//

8 SUBJECT: RUSSELL MEANS; INFORMATION CONCERNING.

9 RE TEL TO PHOENIX DIVISION, NOVEMBER 3, 1989.

10 ON NOVEMBER 7, 1989, THE GALLUP RA, GALLUP, NEW MEXICO,  
 11 TELEPHONICALLY RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING  
 12 RUSSELL MEANS:

13 [REDACTED] CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, NAVAJO DIVISION OF PUBLIC  
 14 SAFETY, WINDOW ROCK DIVISION, WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, STATED THAT  
 15 HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES HAD NOT SEEN RUSSELL MEANS IN OR AROUND THE  
 16 WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, AREA SINCE OCTOBER 24, 1989. [REDACTED] FURTHER

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STATED THAT HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES DO NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MEANS' CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

ON NOVEMBER 7, 1989, [REDACTED] CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, NAVAJO DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WINDOW ROCK DISTRICT, WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE GALLUP RESIDENT AGENCY AND ADVISED THAT HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES HAVE NOT SEEN MEANS ON OR AROUND THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION SINCE OCTOBER 24, 1989.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES DO NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MEANS' CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

ON NOVEMBER 8, 1989, [REDACTED] CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, NAVAJO DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CHINLE, ARIZONA, PERSONALLY ADVISED THAT HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES HAVE NOT SEEN MEANS ON THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION OR IN THE VICINITY OF HIS RESIDENCE WHICH IS LOCATED IN CHINLE, ARIZONA, SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 1989. YAZZIE FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE AND/OR HIS SOURCES DO NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MEANS' CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

ON NOVEMBER 8, 1989, [REDACTED] CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR, NAVAJO DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CHINLE, ARIZONA, PERSONALLY

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ADVISED THE GALLUP RA THAT HE USUALLY SEES MEANS ON THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION ABOUT TWO TO THREE TIMES PER WEEK. HOWEVER,

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT MEANS HAS NOT BEEN SEEN BY HIMSELF OR ANY OF HIS SOURCES SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 1989. [REDACTED] BELIEVES THAT MEANS IS PRESENTLY SOMEWHERE OFF OF THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION.

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ALL OF THE ABOVE CONTACTED SOURCES HAD INDICATED THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MEANS BEING "KICK OFF" THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION.

BASED ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION GATHERED, IT IS BELIEVED THAT MEANS IS NO LONGER ON THE NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION.

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SUBJECT: "CHANGED" RUSSELL MEANS; INFORMATION CONCERNING.

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PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS "AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT DS/T; OO:  
MINNEAPOLIS.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED NOVEMBER 3,  
1989, CAPTIONED AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT DS/T; OO: MINNEAPOLIS.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND RECEIVING OFFICES, CHIEF  
INVESTIGATOR  FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE WAS

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CONTACTED NOVEMBER 9, 1989, AND ADVISED THAT THE ONLY INFORMATION

HE HAD REGARDING MEANS IS THAT PROVIDED HIM BY DETECTIVE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DENVER POLICE INTELLIGENCE. THIS INFORMATION IS

IDENTICAL TO THAT SET FORTH IN RECENT DENVER TELETYPES RE MEANS,

IN POSSESSION OF RECIPIENTS.

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CITE: //3210//

PASS: SSA  COUNTER-TERRORISM SECTION, ROOM 5214.

SUBJECT: ~~RUSSELL MEANS~~; INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE DENVER TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED OCTOBER 23, 1989,  
UNDER PREVIOUS CAPTION (AIM).

FOR INFORMATION OF SALT LAKE CITY AND PHOENIX, REFERENCED  
DENVER TELETYPE WAS INADVERTENTLY NOT SENT TO EITHER DIVISION.  
AS A RESULT, DENVER IS RECAPPING INFORMATION SET FORTH, AS

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FOLLOWS:

ON OCTOBER 20, 1989, SPECIAL AGENT (SA) [REDACTED] UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE (USSS), DENVER, COLORADO, ADVISED SA

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[REDACTED] OF THE FOLLOWING:

A USSS AGENT IN WASHINGTON, D. C., HAS A COUSIN RESIDING IN DENVER BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] EMPLOYED BY ATTORNEY [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 1100 STOUT STREET, (303) 329-3302. [REDACTED] REGULARLY REPRESENTS INDIANS. [REDACTED] WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH RUSSELL MEANS, SAW MEANS WHEN HE WAS IN DENVER ON OCTOBER 10, 1989. MEANS ALLEGEDLY TOOK A FRIEND OF HERS, [REDACTED] A SIOUX INDIAN, AND ONE OTHER INDIAN TO MEET A BLACK MALE AND PURCHASE SOME UZI BRAND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. JUST FOLLOWING THE PURCHASE, THE CAR MEANS WAS IN AND THIS BLACK MAN'S CAR WERE INVOLVED, TOGETHER, IN AN ACCIDENT. MEANS DID GET AT LEAST TWO UZIS AND THESE WEAPONS ARE TO JOIN A STOCKPILE OF WEAPONS MEANS ALLEGEDLY HAS EITHER IN ARIZONA OR SOUTH DAKOTA. MEANS HAS LET IT BE KNOWN AMONG OTHER SIOUX THAT HE HOPES TO TAKEOVER A BULDING IN SOUTH DAKOTA AND "HAVE ANOTHER WOUNDED KNEE." HE IS USING YOUNG SIOUX INDIANS TO DO HIS "DIRTY WORK," WHICH CAUSES [REDACTED] GREAT CONCERN.

THE PERSON WHO SOLD THE GUNS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE

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DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT (DPD) RECORDS AS [REDACTED]  
DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] DPD HAS NO CRIMINAL OR INTELLIGENCE  
RECORDS RE [REDACTED] AND DENVER INDICES ARE NEGATIVE.

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DENVER CONTEMPLATED AN INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] UPON HIS  
RELEASE FROM THE [REDACTED]  
HOWEVER, [REDACTED] STATES HE WAS ALLEGEDLY SOBER WHEN HE WITNESSED  
THE WEAPONS TRANSACTION AND IS USUALLY DEPENDABLE AND RELIABLE.  
SHE DID NOT BELIEVE; HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD IN ANY WAY COOPERATE  
WITH THE FBI, AS HE BOTH FEARS AND HATES US. THEREFORE, HIS  
INTERVIEW WAS TO HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BY A DPD OFFICER, WHO WORKS  
WITH THE DENVER JOINT TERRORIST TASK FORCE (DJTTS).

ON OCTOBER 21, 1989, [REDACTED] FAILED TO KEEP HIS APPOINTMENT  
WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED DPD OFFICER AND IN FACT, "HID OUT" ALL  
DAY. LATER ON THAT EVENING, HE CALLED [REDACTED] AND IN AN  
[REDACTED] TOLD HER A STORY ABOUT A CHURCH WHERE SOME  
BLACKS HAD CRATES OF UZIS STASHED, HAVING GONE THERE WITH MEANS,  
GOTTEN IN TO A FIGHT AND "SPLITTING." HE FURTHER TOLD [REDACTED]  
THAT MEANS WAS LOOKING FOR HIM AND THAT HE WAS AFRAID MEANS WOULD  
KILL HIM. [REDACTED] LATER THAT EVENING, "RESCUED" [REDACTED] THE  
DPD IN THE MEANTIME, IMMEDIATELY OBTAINED A CONSENT TO SEARCH AND

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SEARCHED THE CHURCH IN QUESTION. NO EVIDENCE WAS FOUND OF GUNS, ACTIVITY IN THE BASEMENT, ETC. MEANS WAS SUPPOSEDLY STAYING IN BOULDER, COLORADO, WITH AN ASSOCIATE WHILE IN THE DENVER AREA.

DETECTIVE [REDACTED] DPD, INTELLIGENCE SECTION, ADVISED ON NOVEMBER 9, 1989, THAT [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED BY HER DEPARTMENT ON

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[REDACTED] HE WAS [REDACTED] AT THE TIME, BUT WAS LATER INTERVIEWED AND ADMITTED, IN A ROUNDABOUT WAY, TO HAVING FABRICATED CERTAIN OF HIS FORMER ACCUSATIONS REGARDING MEANS. HE STATED THAT [REDACTED] SUPRA, HAD NO GUNS NOR ANY PART IN THE ALLEGED PURCHASES BY MEANS. HE DID HOLD TO HIS STORY THAT MEANS HAS A WEAPONS SUPPLIER IN THE DENVER AREA, BUT COULD NOT IDENTIFY THIS PERSON.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED] OF THE AFOREMENTIONED CHURCH, THE LIVING WATERS CHURCH AT 211 WEST 5TH AVENUE, IS KNOWN TO OFFICERS AND THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT NO WEAPONS WERE EVER SOLD AT THE CHURCH.

DENVER WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE DPD AND [REDACTED] IN CASE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OF VALUE SURFACES AND WILL PROMPTLY REPORT SAME.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 198A-PX-40939

Special Agent: [REDACTED]

Subject: Russell Means

Crime on Indian Reservation

201 East Indianola

Suite 400

Phoenix, Arizona 85012

December 19, 1989

Honorable Stephen M. McNamee  
United States Attorney  
District of Arizona  
230 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85025

Attention: [REDACTED]

Re: RUSSELL MEANS;  
JAMES STEVENS,  
AREA DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - VICTIM;  
CIR - ASSAULT ON A FEDERAL OFFICER

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Dear Mr. McNamee:

On October 4, 1989, pursuant to the request of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Phoenix, Arizona, Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] Federal  
Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Gallup Resident Agency, Gallup,  
New Mexico, submitted all investigative reports/documents  
concerning the investigation into the assault of James Stevens,  
Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, by Russell Means.

As of this writing, SA [REDACTED] has yet to receive any  
communication from your office concerning possible prosecutive  
action. If and when a decision is made by your office, please  
contact SA [REDACTED] and apprise him of such decision.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to  
contact SA [REDACTED] at (505) 722-4440.

Thank you for your expeditious handling of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Ahearn  
Special Agent in Charge

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By: [REDACTED]

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD San Leandro CA	Russell Charles Means 11046	3-9-57	PT & violation of curfew	
PD Los Angeles CA	Russell C Means LA 467 708-M	12-19-59	211 PC (rob) booking 001537	
PD Oakland CA	Russell Charles Means 155819	9-9-62	Sect 647f PC under the influence	15 das Co J1 suspension 1 yr
PD San Fran CA	Russell Charles Means 180373	10-27-62	G-61366 suspicion Section 245 PC (A with a deadly weapon)	10-30-62 discharged
PD San Fran CA	Russell C Means 180373	4-10-63	enroute to Los Angeles CA (Section 270 PC omit to provide for a minor child)	4-11-63 Delivered on chg of H-23221 enroute to Los Angeles CA (Section 270 PC)
SO Los Angeles CA	Russell Charles Means B-961126	4-12-63	Failure to provide SINCE NEITHER FINGERPRINTS NOR AN IDENTIFYING NUMBER WHICH IS INDEXED IN OUR FILES ACCOMPANIED YOUR REQUEST, FBI CANNOT GUARANTEE IN ANY MANNER THAT THIS MATERIAL CONCERNS THE INDIVIDUAL IN WHOM YOU ARE INTERESTED.	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD San Fran CA	Russell Charles Means 180373  SINCE NEITHER FINGERPRINTS NOR AN IDENTIFYING NUMBER WHICH IS INDEXED IN OUR FILES ACCOMPANIED YOUR REQUEST, FBI CANNOT GUARANTEE IN ANY MANNER THAT THIS MATERIAL CONCERNS THE INDIVIDUAL IN WHOM YOU ARE INTERESTED.	4-1-64	no arrest probationer from Los Angeles County Fingerprinted in Compliance with Case Record keeping as per Section 1203.10 PC (Section 270 PC)	
PD Rapid City SD	Russell C Means 19389	9-26-65	DC	\$100 & 30 das suspension on floater
USM Mpls MN	Russell Charles Means 6842	5-21-71	18 USC 1382 Tresp on a Naval Installation	Dism 11-9-71
USM Sioux Falls SD	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	6-6-71	Did unlawfully climb Mount Rushmore & camp	Dism by Order of the Court
SO Rapid City SD	Russell Charles Means 11048	2-6-73	C-1 Riot C-2 2 cts arson 2nd deg	Rel to Custer Co Authorities

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
USM SD Sioux Falls SD	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	4-5-73	burg, larc impede Fed officers during civil disorder- consp A Fed Off poss unregistered firearms- arson	chgs dism 9-16-74
USM Phoenix AZ	Russell Charles Means 6816 P (C)	6-18-73	Interstate transportation of firearms for civil disorder	3-31-75 dism
PD Sioux Falls SD	Russell Means J-8070	5-14-74	engaging in Riot injuring public building	
USM Sioux Falls SD	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	6-28-74	A with intent to inflict great bodily injury	30 das custody-susp until conclusion of trial in Sx Falls 11-28-75 EG of simple A Larc dism 11-28-75
SD Rapid City SD	Russell C Means 11048 SID 66328	3-3-75	shooting with intent to kill	SA Dism for the reason that chgs for Murder are being filed araising from the same incident

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SO Rapid City SD	Russell C Means 11048 SID 66328	3-10-75	murder	NG jury trial
USM Fargo ND	Russell Charles Means 03349	6-9-75	interfering with Gov Officer in his duties	Judgement of Acquittal-4-13-76
SO Mandan ND	Russell Charles Means 2342	6-9-75	Agg A & B	Pled G to simple Aslt F \$100 & 30 das susp
USM Fargo ND	Russell C Means 03351	6-23-75	Ct 1-aslt w/d weap Ct 2-aslt w/ intent to inflict great bodily injury resulting in serious bodily injury	4-13-76 USA-19 indictment dismissed
BSM Sioux Falls SD	Russell Charles Means 8410-1495	7-1-75	Ct I Aslt W/D Weapon Ct II-Aslt w/ intent to do great bodily injury	
SO Custer SD	Russell Charles Means 2912	9-7-76	A	\$100 F & 30 das j1 Reimburse Custer Co for transcripts & fees & exp of court-appointed atty

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SPen Sioux Falls SD	Russell Charles Means 18878 SID 66328	11-1-77	Rioting to Obstruct	4 yrs <sup>+</sup> 1 day JT Credit
<p>SINCE NEITHER FINGERPRINTS NOR AN IDENTIFYING NUMBER WHICH IS INDEXED IN OUR FILES ACCOMPANIED YOUR REQUEST, FBI CANNOT GUARANTEE IN ANY MANNER THAT THIS MATERIAL CONCERNS THE INDIVIDUAL IN WHOM YOU ARE INTERESTED.</p>				

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Use of the following information from FBI record, NUMBER 877 277 G, is REGULATED BY LAW.  
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**Description and Related Data:**

Race: Red  
Sex: Male  
Height: 6'1½  
Weight: 192  
Hair: Black  
Eyes: Brown

Date and Place of Birth: 11-10-39 Pine Ridge SD

Scars and Marks: Numerous scars on forehead. Scar between eyebrows. Scar left cheek. Scar right side of throat. Scar inner right forearm. Scar outer left elbow. Bullet wound left side of chest. Large scar left side above hip. No Tattoos Added Scar: Burn Scar print area right index finger

Address: (in 1977) Wmblee SD

Occupation: (in 1977) Lecturer

Social Security Number: 569 54 5963

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3. Make effort to furnish FBI identification number, law enforcement identification number, or military service number.
4. Furnish descriptive data and fingerprint classification only when FBI number not available.
5. Indicate whether search of criminal or civil files requested. Do not request civil file search unless information from this file needed.
6. Indicate office for reply in lower right corner. Also list all offices which should receive copy of record. Include copy of FD-9 for each such office and forward with original to Bureau.
7. Do not fill in block in lower left corner.

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To: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Date 08/11/89

Re

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Field File No. 198A-PX-40939

Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS

FBI No. OLN / A 00940752

Other No. S.S. # 569-54-5963

Aliases

RUSSELL MEANS

Sex

M

Race

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Birth Date

11/10/39

Birthplace

PINE RIDGE, SD

Residence

CHINLE, ARIZONA

Height

6-01

Weight

200

Build

HEAVY

Hair

BLK

Eyes

BRO

Complexion

UNKNOWN

Age

49

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks and tattoos

Please Search:

☒ Criminal Files

☐ Civil Files

Also Furnish:

☐ Photo

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In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. ~~198A-PX-41148~~

Special Agent: [redacted]  
Subject: Russell Means;  
Crime on Indian Reservation

201 East Indianola  
Suite 400  
Phoenix, Arizona 85012  
January 23, 1990

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Honorable Stephen M. McNamee  
United States Attorney  
District of Arizona  
230 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85025

Attention: [redacted]

Re: RUSSELL MEANS;  
JAMES STEVENS,  
AREA DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - VICTIM;  
CIR - ASSAULT ON A  
FEDERAL OFFICER

Dear Mr. McNamee:

On January 4, 1990, the Phoenix Division of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) received written  
communication from [redacted]

[redacted] Phoenix, Arizona, which, in summation, stated  
the following.

Said communication indicated that a thorough review of  
the above referenced matter was made by [redacted] and that  
such review included consulting with the Department of Justice,  
Criminal Section, and members of the staff of the Attorney  
General. After such review and consultation, a decision was made  
to decline prosecution of Russell Means.

Written communication from [redacted] further  
indicated that although Russell Means, did, in fact, assault  
James Stevens, Area Director, such conduct by Russell Means would  
warrant misdemeanor prosecution by the Navajo Nation.

In view of the above information, the FBI, Phoenix  
Division, will consider this matter closed.

- 1 - Addressee  
1 - [redacted] Tribal Prosecutor; 1 - CI Section, NDPS, Window Rock;  
1 - Harry Sombrero, Chief of Police, NDPS  
(3) - Phoenix (1 - ~~198A-PX-41148~~)  
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Case closed  
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B6 The Mesa Tribune, Saturday, June 2, 1990

## Indian activist cites court ruling to get assault charge dismissed

The Associated Press

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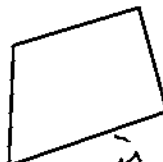
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 198A-PX-40939

Special Agent: [REDACTED]

Subject: Russell Means;  
James Stevens,  
Area Director,  
Bureau of Indian Affairs - Victim;  
Crime on an Indian Reservation -  
Assault on a Federal Officer;

201 East Indianola, Suite 400  
Phoenix, Arizona 85012  
July 20, 1990

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Honorable Linda A. Akers  
United States Attorney  
District of Arizona  
230 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85025

Attention: [REDACTED]

Re: RUSSELL MEANS;  
JAMES STEVENS,  
AREA DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - VICTIM;  
CRIME ON AN INDIAN RESERVATION -  
ASSAULT ON A FEDERAL OFFICER;

Dear Ms. Akers:

This letter is to confirm a conversation between [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] District of Arizona, and Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] of  
the Gallup Resident Agency (RA), Phoenix Division Federal Bureau  
of Investigation (FBI). On June 25, 1990, the following facts  
were discussed at this time:

SA [REDACTED] advised that the FBI had reopened the  
captioned matter as a result of a recent United States Supreme  
Court decision (Duro V Reina). SA [REDACTED] also advised that he  
had been contacted by [REDACTED] of the Navajo  
Nation, regarding this matter. Mr. [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that  
the tribal charges against Russell Means would be dropped as a  
result of the aforementioned Supreme Court decision. However, it  
was his desire that prosecution in this case be sought by the  
FBI.

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[redacted] advised that he would prefer to review all the pertinent reports in this matter prior to rendering a prosecutive opinion. [redacted] stated that the previously submitted reports had been mislaid and were not available at this time.

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Pursuant to [redacted] request, the following documents are being forwarded to him:

1. One investigative report concerning the assault on James Stevens by Russell Means, as prepared by [redacted] Investigator, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Window Rock, Arizona.
2. One investigative report concerning the assault on James Stevens by Russell Means, as prepared by [redacted] Police Officer, Navajo Division of Public Safety, Window Rock District, Window Rock, Arizona.
3. One investigative report concerning the assault on James Stevens by Russell Means, as prepared by [redacted] Criminal Investigator, Navajo Department of Public Safety, Window Rock, Arizona.
4. One investigative report concerning the assault on James Stevens by Russell Means, as prepared by SA [redacted] FBI, Gallup RA, Gallup, New Mexico.
5. One interview with Dr. [redacted] concerning medical treatment of James Stevens.
6. A one page medical document concerning the treatment of James Stevens while a patient at Fort Defiance Public Health Service Hospital, Fort Defiance, Arizona.

7. One FBI indentification record for Russell Charles Means.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Ahearn  
Special Agent in Charge

Bv:

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Supervisory Special Agent

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# Memorandum



To : SAC PHOENIX 198A-PX-4039<sup>40939</sup> -P- Date 8/16/90

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject: RUSSELL MEANS;  
JAMES STEVENS, AREA DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - VICTIM  
CIR - ASSAULT ON A FEDERAL OFFICER  
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[REDACTED] On 8/15/90, the writer attempted to contact AUSA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] District of Arizona regarding the captioned matter. The  
writer was advised that AUSA [REDACTED] had been transferred to the  
Civil Division of the United States Attorneys Office and that he  
was on vacation until the end of August.

On 8/16/90 the writer contacted that US Attorneys Office  
Phoenix, Arizona to determine if the captioned matter had been  
reassigned. The writer was advised that the case had been  
assigned to AUSA [REDACTED] however the case file could not  
be located. The writer was advised that a search of the closed  
files would be conducted and that he would be contacted as soon  
as the file was found.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 9/20/90

On September 11, 1990, [redacted] [redacted] Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Washington, D.C., was telephonically contacted at (202) 208-7163 by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] was advised that he was being contacted regarding the job description of an Area Director for the BIA. The purpose of this inquiry involved the assault on the former Area Director for BIA in Window Rock, Arizona, in 1989.

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[redacted] voluntarily provided the following information:

[redacted] stated that all departments of the BIA Office report directly to the Area Director, with the exception of the Educational Section. [redacted] further stated that the Area Director is considered to be a Federal officer and that all law enforcement officers and investigators report directly to the Area Director and are responsible to him. All Area Directors report directly to [redacted] who is responsible for all BIA operations in the United States. [redacted] reports directly to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, in Washington, D.C.

[redacted] advised that he would forward to SA [redacted] a copy of the job description for the Area Directors of the BIA and specifically the position in Window Rock, Arizona.

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by S. [redacted] Date dictated 9/12/90

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/1/90

Received by United States mail on September 17, 1990, was one job description for the Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Window Rock, Arizona. The job description was provided by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. This letter will be placed in evidence in this file.

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# Memorandum



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Date 11/5/90

From : SA [REDACTED]

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Subject: RUSSELL MEANS;  
JAMES STEVENS  
AREA DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
CIR - AFO  
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[REDACTED] On 10/31/90, the writer met with AUSA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] District of Arizona regarding the captioned matter. AUSA  
[REDACTED] advised that he had consulted with several other AUSA's  
regarding this matter. No clear, definitive consensus could be  
reached. AUSA [REDACTED] stated that he would look further into the  
matter and determine if prosecution is warranted.

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, PHOENIX (198A-PX-40939) (P)

Date 12/17/90

From : SA [redacted]

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Subject: RUSSELL MEANS;  
JAMES STEVENS,  
AREA DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS -  
VICTIM;  
CIR - AFO  
OO: PHOENIX

On 10/31/90, the writer contacted AUSA [redacted] regarding the captioned matter. AUSA [redacted] advised that he has yet to get the matter on the agenda with the United States Attorney. AUSA [redacted] advised that he would contact the writer as soon as a prosecutive opinion could be determined.

On 12/7/90, the writer contacted AUSA [redacted] again. AUSA [redacted] advised that the United States Attorney had made a decision that this matter needed to be discussed; however, no firm date has yet been established for a meeting to determine the prosecutive merits of this case.

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In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 198A-PX-40939

Special Agent: [redacted]

Subject: Russell Means,

201 East Indianola

Suite 400

Phoenix, Arizona 85012

February 5, 1991

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Honorable Linda A. Akers  
United States Attorney  
District of Arizona  
230 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85025

Attention: [redacted]

Assistant United States Attorney

Re: RUSSELL MEANS;  
JAMES STEVENS, AREA DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - VICTIM;  
CIR - AFO

Dear Ms. Akers:

This letter is to confirm a conversation between  
Special Agent (SA) [redacted] Gallun Resident Agency and  
Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] on the  
following dates:

On October 31, 1990, AUSA [redacted] advised that this case  
had not as yet been put on the agenda for a meeting between the  
U.S. Attorney and staff. AUSA [redacted] advised at this time that he  
would make every effort to get this case presented before the  
U.S. Attorney as soon as possible.

[redacted] On December 7, 1990, AUSA [redacted] was contacted by SA  
[redacted] and advised that captioned matter had not as yet been  
discussed with the staff.

[redacted] On January 7, 1991, AUSA [redacted] was contacted by SA  
[redacted] and he advised that the file was now on the agenda for  
the meeting scheduled on January 9, 1991.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Ahearn  
Special Agent in Charge

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In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 198A-PX-40939

Special Agent: [redacted]

Subject: Russell Means;  
Crime on Indian Reservation

201 East Indianola

Suite 400

Phoenix, Arizona 85012

March 3, 1991

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Honorable Linda A. Akers  
United States Attorney  
District of Arizona  
230 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85025

Re: RUSSELL MEANS;  
JAMES STEVENS, AREA DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA - VICTIM;  
CIR - AFO

Dear Ms. Akers:

This letter is to confirm a conversation between you and Special Agent (SA) [redacted] Gallup Resident Agency, on January 31, 1991. During this conversation the following facts were discussed:

SA [redacted] was advised that the above captioned matter was on your desk and that no prosecutive opinion had been reached at this point. SA [redacted] advised that he desired prosecution in this matter due to subject Russell Means' criminal background and involvement in criminal activities.

SA [redacted] was advised by you that he would be notified when an opinion would be forthcoming.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Ahearn  
Special Agent in Charge

By: [redacted]

Supervisory Special Agent

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In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 198A-PX-40939

Special Agent: [REDACTED]

Subject: Russell Means

201 East Indianola #400

Phoenix, Arizona 85012

April 5, 1991

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Honorable Linda A. Akers  
United States Attorney  
District of Arizona  
230 North First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85025

Attention: [REDACTED]

Assistant United States Attorney

RE: RUSSELL MEANS;  
JAMES STEVENS, AREA DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS -  
VICTIM;  
CIR - AFO

Dear Ms. Akers:

This letter is to confirm a conversation with Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] of the Gallup Resident Agency on March 22, 1991, regarding the status of the case involving Russell Means. SA [REDACTED] was advised that the matter had been forwarded to the Department of Justice for approval, and that as soon as a decision was made he would be notified.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Ahearn  
Special Agent in Charge

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Supervisory Special Agent

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# Memorandum



To : SAC, PHOENIX (198A-PX-40939) (C) Date 6/17/91

From : SA

Subject: RUSSELL MEANS  
JAMES STEVENS,  
AREA DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - VICTIM,  
CIR - AFO;  
OO: PHOENIX

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Prosecution in this matter has been declined by the U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona. Bulky evidence in this case is one video tape provided by a local television station. This tape was not recorded by the FBI. It is requested of the ECR that this tape be put in evidence as part of 198A-PX-41002.

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Date 1/13/86

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (199G-822) (P)

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, aka  
R/Means;  
IT - LIBYA  
OO: MP

This communication is classified ~~SECRET~~ in its entirety.

RUSSELL MEANS is an Oglala Sioux Indian and a member of the Oglala Tribe located on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Reportedly he resides in the Manderson area on the reservation. His dob is 11/10/39.

MEANS,  
as a member of the American Indian Movement (AIM),

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] according to the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] RUSSELL MEANS. Also, RUSSELL  
MEANS. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Recently, the local media, identifying RUSSELL MEANS as a leader of ATM, reported that he planned to go to Costa Rica and Nicaragua and help the MISURASATA, an acronym for the Mishito, Sumo and Rama Indian Tribes. MEANS indicated that he expects to have one hundred warriors in Central America by the first week in April.

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FBIHQ is requested to review general and ELSUR indices regarding captioned subject. Provide the identity of any field division not receiving this communication so that proper inquiry can be made.

## LEADS:

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CHICAGO, NEW YORK, AND WFO DIVISIONS

Will review general and ELSUR indices, and provide appropriate information, including documentation and/or characterization of any individuals MEANS is known to be in contact with.

Will contact established assets, if appropriate, regarding subject's association with terrorist groups.

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NOTE: No determination could be made by FBIHQ ELSUR INDEX as to whether or not the attached are identical with subject/subjects of your request. That determination and any resultant leads will be the responsibility of the field offices.

In the event search results require a communication to the field, insure that a tickler of that communication is forwarded to the ELSUR INDEX for administrative purposes.

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MEANS, RUSSELL

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MEANS, RUSSELL (PH)

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MEANS, RUSSELL  
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Subject RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
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DATE: 2/19/86

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, aka

(U) R. Means;  
IT-LIBYA (S)  
(OO: MP).  
(NY 199-3875) (RUC)

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(U) THEODORE LYLE MEANS  
IT-LIBYA (S)  
(OO: MP)  
(NY 199-379) (RUC)

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above.

As requested by reMPairtel, NYO indices reflect the  
following information:

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NY indices show that an individual who was believed to be RUSSELL MEANS was a speaker at the Organization of Arab Students (OAS) Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio (August 12-16, 1981). At this conference, the individual speaking on behalf of AIM, believed to be RUSSELL MEANS, stated that some of his people have been trained in the Middle East by AL-FATAH. No further information available concerning this statement.

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New York indices indicate that Denver advised that a [redacted] of Opportunity Progress, associated with the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado stated that he attended a convention of Mid-East individuals in Gary, Indiana in February of 1983. At this convention he had been extended an invitation to visit Libya by a Palestinian individual. [redacted] further stated that he subsequently travelled to Libya with [redacted] during April of 1983. [redacted] stated that he met with QADHAFI during this visit and it was conjecture by reporting source that QADHAFI offered support to AIM through weapons shipments in exchange for safehouses for Libyan agents to be established by AIM. New York has no further information on this matter.

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Since there remains no further outstanding investigation within the NYO, these matters are being placed in an RUC status.

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2/13/86

Director, FBI

ADIC, New York  
SACs, Minneapolis (199G-822)  
Washington Field Office

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, also known as R. Means;  
IT-LIBYA

This communication is classified "~~SECRET~~" in its  
entirety.

Re Minneapolis airtel dated January 13, 1986, captioned  
as above.

FBIHQ records contain fifteen main files concerning  
RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS. These files concern civil rights  
investigations, assaults on Federal police officers, and local  
police department requests for FBI Laboratory Division assistance  
in investigations concerning MEANS.

A review of FBIHQ indices indicates overhears regarding  
MEANS on the following dates:

(S) June 5, 1981 - New York [redacted]

January 8, 1980 - Washington Field (199-6)

(S) August 12, 1980 - Washington Field [redacted]

NOTE: This airtel provides Minneapolis with FBIHQ indices and  
elsur information concerning RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS. (S)

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Date 3/12/86

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: [REDACTED] DIVISION 6, TERRORISM  
 SECTION, ROOM 4239)

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (199G-1548)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
 IT-LIBYA  
 OO:MINNEAPOLIS

M.A.  
 VA

This communication is classified "~~SECRET~~" in its entirety.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy and for Minneapolis one copy of a Washington Post editorial page article written by subject.

Self explanatory enclosure reflects an article which appeared in the Tuesday, March 11, 1986, Washington Post titled "The Real Freedom Fighters In Nicaragua."

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# The Real Freedom Fighters in Nicaragua

The United States is following the logic of self-defeat in Nicaragua. Recently, while traveling clandestinely in that country, I realized that one force, without any outside support whatsoever, had waged a five-year, armed resistance against the Marxist-led government. It is made up of American Indians fighting under the banner of an organization known as Misurasata.

The Reagan administration claims its objective in Central America is the transformation or overthrow of the Sandinista government. Yet it restricts its material support to the contras, an odd assortment of supposed "freedom fighters" waging an unsuccessful guerrilla war against Managua from Honduras. Such a policy is nonsense in terms of both strategic military and economic planning, virtually guaranteeing that the use of American troops will eventually be required to change the course of the Sandinista regime.

The reason for this odd situation is that the resistance fighters inside Nicaragua are American Indians of the Miskito, Sumu and Rama nations on the Atlantic coast. Rallying behind their representative politico-military organization, Misurasata, and enlisting allies from the region's Creole and Ladino communities, the Indians are struggling for preservation of their own autonomy and self-determination. Hence, the wizards of the State Department have deemed Misurasata unacceptable.

The magnitude of the error involved in this position—which is manifestly more anti-Indian than anticommunist—is readily evident. While the Reagan-backed contra units are collapsing in the field, Misurasata has managed to secure the bulk of the traditional Atlantic coast Indian territory against ground invasion by Sandinista troops.

I personally witnessed the massive Indian support to Misurasata, which allows it to main-

tain 2,000 to 3,000 warriors on the basis of materials captured from the Nicaraguan army. I witnessed firsthand the fact that the Indians control not only the land within their territory but also the rivers and logistics all along the Atlantic Coast.

I also experienced firsthand the nature of Managua's response to the effectiveness of Indian resistance. Unable to maneuver on the ground within Indian territory, they have resorted to air strikes and helicopter assaults on villages and other civilian targets, as well as attempting a blockade by sea. I have seen the mass graves that result and have documented accounts from 28 different villages concerning the Sandinista program of torture and execution intended to terrorize the Indians into submission to centralized rule. This policy of terror has backfired on Managua.

The level of Indian resistance is such that with proper material support Misurasata could immediately field at least 15,000 warriors and fully liberate Indian territories—about a third of Nicaragua—in a matter of months. In a meeting with me on March 3, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Elliot Abrams agreed that Misurasata is a major factor in anti-Sandinista resistance, but suggested the Indians should abandon their own agenda and merge with the contras as a prerequisite to receiving any sort of American support.

Specifically, Abrams felt it appropriate that Misurasata put itself under Kisan, a tiny "Indian" contra group based in Honduras and unable to show support of any kind from the Indian communities of Nicaragua. It is interesting to note that, while the U.S. State Department promotes Kisan as a "legitimate Indian voice," so does Managua, a situation that suggests the lengths to which Washington is prepared to go to avoid the emergence of any

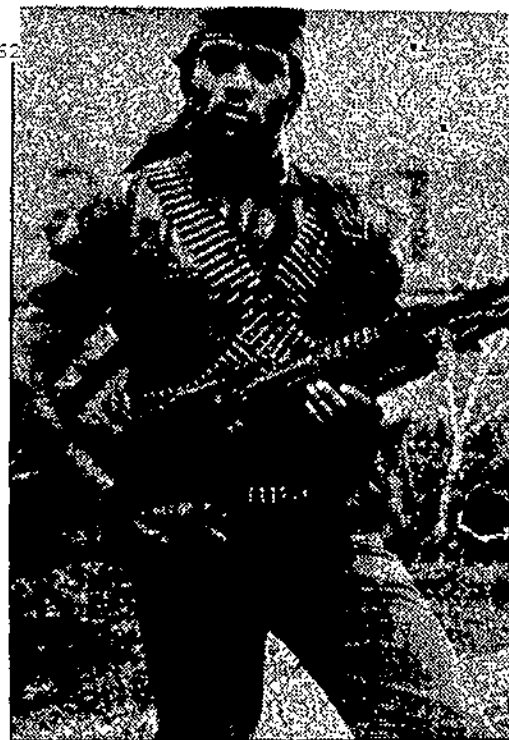
true expression of Indian sovereignty in this hemisphere.

My response to Abrams is that no such political strings were attached to congressional allocation of \$27 million in humanitarian aid last year. It is precisely this sort of manipulation and compulsory political subordination that caused the Indian resistance to Sandinista policies in the first place. There is no reason to expect them to be more willing to accept such behavior from Washington than from Managua. If by some fluke the contras were able to unseat the Sandinistas tomorrow, they too would have to deal with Indian rights to autonomy and self-determination on the Atlantic coast.

There has been a lot of talk lately about "being on the right side of history" where Nicaragua is concerned. Indeed, a crossroads has been reached. America now has the opportunity to cross over from the side of history that has been marked by the genocide of Indian peoples for 500 years and which is evident today in the looming forced relocation of 10,000 traditional Navajos from their Arizona homeland, the similar forced relocation of the James Bay Cree in Canada, the slaughter of the Ache people in Paraguay, the decimation of the Indians of Brazil and Guatemala, and the counterinsurgency warfare directed at the Indians of Nicaragua.

The alternative is to remain on the side of history marked by the European world view, to insist that Indians are inherently subordinate to non-Indians, and that they are ultimately expendable peoples.

A decision to remain on this latter side of history will not only be morally wrong, but, for once, politically, economically and militarily unworkable as well. It carries with it a greatly increased likelihood that direct U.S. military intervention will be necessary to effect change



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*A Miskito soldier stands guard.*

in Managua. The sole other option will be to admit, once and for all, that the United States prefers any European-derived form of government—even a Marxist-Leninist one—to the true exercise of Indian sovereignty.

I will put it clearly: there is a choice that must be made by Ronald Reagan or the American people. They must decide whether the continued suppression of Indian rights is worth the risk of another Vietnam-type quagmire, with all the human and financial cost this entails, or whether they are finally willing to accept that notions of freedom and democracy must inevitably include Indians.

*The writer is a leader of the American Indian Movement.*



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## Memorandum

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To : DIRECTOR, FBI

Date 4/24/86

From : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (199D-822) (P)

Subject : RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, aka  
R. Means:

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OO: MINNEAPOLIS

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## REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION

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FBIHQ authority is granted for a [REDACTED]

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(U) General Guidelines. In the event this matter is resolved prior to [REDACTED], submit pertinent justifications and recommendations for further action, as warranted in this case, on a timely basis. ~~(S)~~

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DATE 5/7/86

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Date 5/2/86

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (199G-1548) (RUC)

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, aka  
 IT-LIBYA  
 OO: ~~ME~~ MP

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Reference Minneapolis airtel to Bureau dated  
 1/13/86.

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 2-Minneapolis (199G-822)  
 1-Alexandria  
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It is noted that subjects brother, WILLIAM MEANS has had specific contacts with the PCLS and just returned from another trip to Libya on 4/22/86.

For information of Minneapolis, investigation



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# Memorandum

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To : DIRECTOR, FBI

From : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (199G-822) (C)

Subject : RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS, aka  
R. Means;  
IT - LIBYA  
OO: MP,

Date 7/18/86

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Re Minneapolis airtel to Director, dated 1/13/86, and Minneapolis  
FD-539, dated 4/24/86.

that MEANS was

The records of the South Dakota State Penitentiary, Sioux Falls,  
SD, reveal that subject has an extensive police record of various mis-  
demeanors. Further, the record indicates he was tried and acquitted on

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several felonies including murder. On 11/1/77, MEANS was received at the penitentiary to serve a four year sentence for rioting to obstruct at the Minnehaha County Court House, Sioux Falls, SD, and was paroled on 7/31/79.

The following descriptive information was obtained from the records:

Name	RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS
Race	Indian
Sex	Male
DOB	11/10/39
POB	Pine Ridge, SD
Height	6' 1½"
Weight	192
Build	Medium
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Education	12th grade plus Sauer School of Business, Ohio Tech., Arizona State University.
SSAN	569-54-5968
Brothers	DALE MEANS, THEODORE MEANS, WILLIAM MEANS
FBI #	877,277 C
SD State Pen #	18878.

The files of the Minneapolis Division reveal numerous files wherein RUSSELL MEANS is the subject. Several files are CIR - Assault investigations, wherein MEANS was the subject and/or the victim, several Civil Rights investigations wherein MEANS was the victim and, of course, numerous references to MEANS' participation in AIM activities, including the 1973 takeover of Wounded Knee on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Other references more pertinent to captioned investigation are set out below.

Via teletype Alexandria Division advised in the matter entitled "Inner Deck, Major Case #70: IT - LIBYA" that a source advised of a

[REDACTED] RUSSELL  
MEANS [REDACTED] BILL BEANS [REDACTED]

He added that the MEANS have a lobbying service called the International Treaty Council at the U.N. and that the MEANS brothers were involved at the Wounded Knee incident in 1973.

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FBIHQ advised by Bureau airtel, dated 2/13/86, that its records contained 15 main files concerning RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS. These files concern Civil Rights investigations, assaults on Federal police officers, and local police department requests for FBI Laboratory Division assistance in investigations concerning MEANS.

A review of FBIHQ ELSUR indices reflect overhears regarding MEANS at both New York and Washington Field.

WFO, by airtel, dated 3/14/86, in addition to the above information previously set forth, indicated that a review of WFO general indices revealed numerous references, all primarily dealing with the occupation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Building in Wash., D.C. in 1972, and the occupation of Wounded Knee, SD, in 1973.

A review of WFO ELSUR indices revealed the additional following references:

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A review of Alexandria's confidential, ELSUR indices and a review of file AX 199G-485 did not reflect additional information concerning MEANS other than previously reported.

By airtel dated, 4/15/86, the Newark Division advised that a search of its general and ELSUR indices proved negative on RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS.

By airtel dated, 2/19/86, the New York Division advised that a review of ELSUR indices contained the following reference:

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New York indices show that an individual believed to be RUSSELL MEANS was a speaker at the Organization of Arab Students Convention in Cincinnati, OH, 8/12-16/81. At this conference MEANS spoke on behalf of AIM and stated that some of his people have been trained in the middle east by AL-FATAH. No further information was available.

The Alexandria Division, via tel, dated 9/13/85, entitled "LIBYAN REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE" reported a number of individuals attended the Islamic Conference for 3 days in August, 1985, held in Tripoli, Libya. A sensitive Alexandria source advised that RUSSELL MEANS was in attendance at this conference.

The local media, namely, Rapid City Journal, Rapid City, SD, has contained numerous articles in the latter part of 1985 and 1986, reflecting that MEANS traveled to Nicaragua to aid the "Warriors". In these articles, MEANS, identified as a member of AIM, visited refugee camps for the MISURASATA, an acronym that stands for Miskito, Sumo and Rama Indian tribes in Costa Rica. MEANS, upon his return from Central America, granted numerous interviews and stated his views on the fighting that was occurring in Central America.

MEANS' opinions on the fighting and his public announcements, according to other articles, created an open conflict between himself and AIM founder and the Executive Director CLYDE BELLECOURT. BELLECOURT was quoted as saying that RUSSELL MEANS had "completely disassociated himself" from the AIM when he pledged support for the Central American Indians fighting the Sandinista Government in Nicaragua. Further, BELLECOURT was quoted as saying, "as of right now, MEANS is no longer regarded as a member of the AIM."

As the above information sets forth, the Minneapolis Division has documented numerous activities and contacts by RUSSELL MEANS with various criteria countries. However, the Minneapolis Division has been

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unable to develop any current information that MEANS is directly associated with any terrorist organization. For this reason the Minneapolis Division does not believe that a full investigation can be justified and therefore it is placing this matter in a closed status, subject to being reopened if additional information is uncovered.

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U.S. Department of Justice



Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D.C. 20535

October 27, 1986

RUSSELL CHARLES MEANS  
Born: November 10, 1939  
Pine Ridge, South Dakota  
SSAN: 569-54-5963 (U)

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In response to your name check request, Special Agent [redacted] of your agency advised, that USSS was only interested in current information regarding Means. Your agency is in receipt of prior information concerning Means and his involvement in the American Indian Movement. (U)

(U) In addition, Means, also known as R. Means, is the subject of a current international terrorism investigation by the FBI. (S)

For additional information concerning Means, you may desire to consult SA [redacted] International Terrorism Global Unit (IT-GU), Criminal Investigative Division (CID), FBI Headquarters. (U)

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Original & 1 - USSS/ID  
Request Received 7/17/86

1 - Mr. [redacted] Attn: Ms. [redacted]  
1 - Ms. [redacted] Room 4255

1 - Miss [redacted]  
1 - 199-14919

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(U) NOTE: Russell Charles Means was searched by name searching and numerous files were pulled and reviewed by File Review, and Executive Agencies Unit. Subsequent to this review, SA [redacted] of USSS advised that his agency was only interested in current information regarding Means. This current information was coordinated with SA [redacted] IT-GU, Terrorism Section, CID. This matter was delayed due to the unavailability of files. (S)

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